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volume he points out tendencies to return to the country, and the improvements in the technique of agriculture and manufacture which help this movement. He expresses the hope that city and country will be drawn into closer relations and the present advantages of each be extended, so that residents of towns shall have better sanitary conditions and dwellers on farms enjoy more of the social attractions of cities.

C. R. H.

Neue Staatslehre. Von ANTON MENDER. Jena: Fischer, 1903.
Pp. xii + 335.

BERLIN booksellers said this summer that they were unable to keep up with their orders for this book. It has struck a popular chord, but has produced some notes that grate hard on conservative German ears. Not what it says, but the man who says it, and his way of saying it, must have made the impression. The "new civic doctrine" is our old and familiar acquaintance, plain socialism, with additions and subtractions of detail at the author's pleasure, which will win few indorsements from other socialists. I find in the book nothing new except these purely individual shadings. The main lines have been drawn over and over again for a century.

A. W. S.

The Code of Hammurabi, King of Babylon about 2250 B. C. Autographed Text, Transliteration, Glossary, Index of Subjects: Lists of Proper Names, Signs, Numerals, Corrections, and Erasures; with Map, Frontispiece, and Photograph of Text. By ROBERT FRANCIS HARPER, PH.D. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1904. Pp. xv + 192, and Plates CIII. \$4.

THIS very important Assyriological study appears just as we go to press. As a translation of the oldest written legal code, it possesses unique interest for students of society, and will receive particular notice in the May number of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY.

G. E. V.

Annuaire-Almanach de l'action populaire. Paris: Lecoffre, 1904.
Fr. 1.50.

THIS instrument of propagandism represents the conservative social economy of France in a very attractive popular form. The articles are mere brief sketches, but they give a great deal of recent